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1. Some time ago, the Soviet Trade Delegation, Vienna IV, Mohllebengasse, through the USIA-controlled firm, "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien", Vienna IV, Argentinierstrasse 26, purchased 5,000 new 50-gallon galvanized iron gasoline barrels from Mannesmann A.G., Solingen, British Zone of Germany. "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien" purchased the barrels from Loecker, who owns a small hotel in Vienna II at Taborstrasse 12, for 260 schillings per barrel f.o.b. Vienna.\*
2. A few days ago, Juschaneschtrans, Soviet-controlled Vienna transport firm, advised "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien" that the barrels are now in transit from the eastern sector of Berlin and are scheduled for delivery in Vienna on or about 25 May 1950.

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\* [REDACTED] Loecker probably owns the Hotel Stefanie, which is listed in the Vienna telephone directory at No. 12 Taborstrasse. It is also possible that he is identical with Alois Loecker, an importer who has offices in Vienna III, at Uchatiusgasse 5. Cf. the 1950 Handels Compaas.

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\*\* [REDACTED] It seems likely that the Trade Delegation made this purchase for the Soviet Oil Administration which will use the barrels to ship petroleum products either to Hungary or the Soviet Union.

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